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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, AS
SUBJ: H E HOLT & SSR-1 DIALOGUE

1. EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE HAD RECENT DISCUSSION WITH
ADOD FASSIP CONCERNING THE "DRAFT LETTER FROM U.S.
DEFENSE ATTACHE TO FASSIP"(CLEARED BY ISA FOR HADS).
AUSTRALIAN MINDEF EXPRESSED SOME MISGIVINGS CONCERNING
PARA 4 OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT, ADVANCING THE FOLLOWING
SECOND DRAFT. BEGIN TEXT:

"DRAFT LETTER FROM U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE TO FASSIP
"1. AN SSR-1 GROUND RECEIVER HAS BEEN IN OPERATION
AT H E HOLT SINCE JUNE 1976. IT IS USED SOLELY FOR
THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE USN FLEET SATELLITE
BROADCAST SO THAT MESSAGES MAY BE RELAYED TO HF TO
SHIPS OPERATING OUTSIDE THE COVERAGE OF THE FLEET
SATELLITE BROADCAST BUT WITHIN OPERATING RANGE OF
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H E HOLT'S HF TRANSMITTERS.

"2. TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE EQUIPMENT AS INSTALLED
AT H E HOLT ARE ATTACHED HERETO.

"3. UNTIL THE INSTALLATION OF THE SSR-1 AT H E
HOLT THE USN FLEET BROADCAST WAS RECEIVED THERE BY

HF AND CABLE AND RETRANSMITTED BY HF. THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SSR-1 HAS THEREFORE IMPROVED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF H E HOLT TO PERFORM ITS EXISTING ROLE BUT HAS NOT IN ANY WAY ALTERED THAT ROLE AND COULD NOT DO SO.

"4. THE USDOD UNDERSTANDS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO SHARE ITS VIEW THAT THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE SSR-1 AT H E HOLT ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE AGREED ROLE OF THAT STATION AND PROVIDE NO POTENTIAL FOR ANY CHANGE IN THAT ROLE. IT IS RECOGNIZED HOWEVER THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT WISH AS A MATTER OF POLICY TO RECORD FORMALLY ITS POSITION." END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO REVISED PARA AND REQUESTS THE SECOND DRAFT BE CLEARED BY ISA AND GIVEN TO HADS FOR TRANSMISSION TO ADOD FASSIP. THIS ROUTING IS RECOMMENDED BASED ON ADOD'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A FORMAL CHANNEL BETWEEN HADS AND OSD/ISA. WE UNDERSTAND FASSIP WILL THEN PASS TO US DATT FOR "OFFICIAL" SUBMISSION BACK TO FASSIP. LIKEWISE WE RECOGNIZE THE APPARENT COMPLEXITY OF SUCH ROUTING, BUT SEE A NEED TO ALLOW ADOD TO IDENTIFY COMPLEXITIES OF THEIR DESIGN. PLEASE NOTE PARA 2 OF THE DRAFT WHICH INDICATES ATTACHMENT OF TECHNICAL DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AT H E HOLT.

3. USDAO REP WAS ASKED TODAY BY FASSIP STAFFER IF THEY
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(ADOD) COULD EXPECT CLEARANCE OF THE DRAFT AND PROVISION OF TECHNICAL DETAILS PRIOR TO MONDAY (14 AUGUST 1978) RE-OPENING OF PARLIAMENT? WE UNDERSTAND ADOD WILL ASK HADS THE SAME QUESTION THIS DATE. DESPITE OUR "ROUTING" RECOMMENDATION, PARA 2 ABOVE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY COULD BE KEPT POSTED ON ACTION STATUS, E.E., ACCEPTABILITY OF REVISED DRAFT, DATE PASSED TO HADS (TO INCLUDE TECHNICAL DETAILS).
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